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Date: February 17, 2012
To: New Mexico Airspace Users
From: Chair, Southwest Coordinating Group
Subject: New Mexico Interagency Airspace Workshop

The Southwest Area Aviation Committee* invites you to participate in a New Mexico interagency airspace workshop, on March 28, 2012. The meeting will be held at the U.S. Forest Service Albuquerque Support Center, 4000 Masthead St. NE, in Albuquerque (see attached map). It will begin at 0900 MDT, and should conclude by 1200 MDT.

This workshop will be the second meeting of this nature. Our first session was held in Albuquerque in September 2011, and was well-received by those who attended. The September participants felt that a follow-up meeting is needed this spring to continue the communication and information sharing that was initiated in the first meeting.

The wildland fire managing agencies in New Mexico have taken the lead in organizing these meetings. However, the meetings are not intended to be limited to fire or land management issues. These meetings bring together a variety of individuals and organizations that use the airspace in New Mexico. The meetings serve as an open forum to identify airspace issues and to resolve them at the local level. The goal is to increase the safety of our programs by becoming more familiar with each other and with aviation operations in New Mexico.

Potential participants include:

- Fire dispatch center managers
- Aircraft dispatchers
- Military airspace schedulers
- Aviation program managers
- Flight Crews
- Other military and National Guard personnel

Organizations participating in the workshop should be prepared to give a brief (5 minutes or less) and informal presentation on any airspace concerns they would like to address.

Persons planning on attending should RSVP Kris Damsgaard, Vice-chair of the Southwest Area Aviation Committee (kdamsgaard@fs.fed.us) office phone 505-842-3359, and provide any agenda items you

would like to discuss. A detailed agenda will be developed once we know who will participate and what their specific concerns are.

Note: This meeting is scheduled to coincide with a separate afternoon meeting hosted by the Albuquerque Interagency Fire Dispatch Center, in which they will coordinate aviation-related activities in the Albuquerque area, in preparation for the 2012 wildland fire season. A separate invitation for this meeting will be sent to cooperators by the Albuquerque Dispatch Center.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leon W. Ben, Jr.

Chair, Southwest Coordinating Group

*The Southwest Area Aviation Committee works under the direction of the Southwest Coordinating Group, whose mission is to enhance the safety, efficiency and effectiveness of wildland fire management activities. Membership includes the state and federal wildland fire management agencies in New Mexico, Arizona, and west Texas.

Attachment: Map, 4000 Masthead St, NE, Albuquerque, NM